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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Search to find three key issues for Ballarat's future**

The search is on to find three key issues crucial to securing a vibrant economic future for Ballarat and the region it serves.

The Committee for Ballarat has asked its members to nominate the three key issues they believe must be concentrated on if the city and region is to continue to develop and prosper through the remainder of the decade and beyond.

The nominations are due to be with the Committee by next Monday.

The issues being sought are those not immediately obvious, rather than those which are being dealt with in the short to medium term such as the provision of an ongoing, sustainable water supply for the city.

Chairman of the Committee, Prof David James, said water was already a major project being addressed by the Committee, government and all other relevant authorities.

The Committee is also focussing on workplace participation and skills in the region, leadership for the future, the upgrade of the precinct of Lake Wendouree and issues such as community safety and policing.

“What we are seeking are issues which may tend to be a little ignored in the face of some of the obviously pressing problems such as water supply and provision of the correct skills set for the region,” Prof James said.

“We already have some issues to consider which were raised during a similar process last year, but want to give everyone a further opportunity to have their say.

“It is at this very time that we should be looking at these other economic and developmental issues to ensure that the momentum for growth in the city is maintained and progressed.”

While it is the members of the Committee for Ballarat who have been urged to nominate their three key issues to the Committee's board, the wider community is not being ignored in the process.

Prof James said anyone who knows a member of the Committee should not hesitate to inform them of issues they believe are worthy of consideration.

“While the Committee is membership based, it is always keen to ensure that those matters on which it decides to concentrate are in line with the thinking and priorities of the wider community,” Prof James said.

In February the Committee will consider all the issues raised and select a final three which will form part of its focus during 2007 and beyond.

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